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New York dealers. This has sorely pinched many of the smaller dealers, the direct import is only at the usual allium, at less than 15 per cent. The supply of merchandisers far exceeds the demand, and a lively competition will equalize the trade and make profits substantial again. In order to keep the furs at home, hats, caps, and furs, Chicago is in a fair way to monopolize the bulk of the Western trade. Our manufacturers are now pushing their products across the water, and about every description of American furs finds an extensive European market.

FLAX.

The price was high, but the establishment near the city of an institution the need of which has long been felt by many of our prominent manufacturers. We refer to the extensive flax factory in Roselle, a small town situated about 20 miles from the city. The factory is controlled by Chicago capitalists, and is operated upon a capital of \$100,000. The aggregate value of the annual sales is about \$200,000, and the factory made earnings of 150,000, who are paid on an average \$15 per day. The flax used is mostly grown in DuPage County, and a small portion of the material is raised in Cook County. The product finds a ready market in the East and South.

LINEN WORKS.

have largely increased in local production, the quantity of goods being sold against 400,000 last year in 1874.

The large amount of building performed during 1875 is not resulted in any over-production of lime; the season's manufacture having been also well entered into building processes. Sales have slightly increased in lime business, although the continuance of low lake rates and the consequent stagnation of the shipping interest has curtailed the trade.

IRON MANUFACTURES.

have turned out a larger quantity of work than ever before. The feather-duster business, which escaped notice in last year's statement, is an account of its very recent establishment, intended to meet the demand for the large number of dusters required in the local demand being amply supplied by our city manufacturers. The following is a

statement of the

Manufacturers' No. Capital Workers Product

Printing (including newspapers) 112 \$1,400,000 1,000 \$4,000,000

Leather, silk, and fur 11 240,000 57 930,000

Neckwear mfrs. 12 120,000 51 385,000

Brick and tile mfrs. 6 100,000 47 77,000

Bakery (principal) 18 300,000 20 3,000,000

Meat and dairy mfrs. 3 180,000 52 377,000

Muslin mills 4 12,000 98 26,000

Match manufacturers 2 5,000 97 2,000

Tobacco and cigar mfrs. 610,000 1,725 3,000,000

Paper manufacturers 2 360,000 97 45,000

Wood and nail manufacturers 1 20,000 17 58,000

Woolen & m-a-m-hire manufacturers 1 5,000 15 4,000

Turner-turing works 1 8,000 7 1,000

Button manufacturers 1 5,000 18 59,000

Oil and paint manufacturers 1 5,000 15 4,000

Sign-manufacturers 1 5,000 9 10,000

Musical instrument manufacturers 3 18,000 31 55,000

Jewelry manufacturers 1 1,500 3 1,000

Feather-duster mfrs. 1 10,000 40 15,000

Guitar manufacturers 1 10,000 15 20,000

Fax 19,000 250,000

Foreign totals/total fax follows:

1875 1874

Number of establishments... 56,335 52,605

Average wage of workers... 25,452,500 24,226,500

Value of products... 175,632,820 163,834,000

These figures show an increase of 6 per cent in the number of workers, 5 per cent in the wages, and 7 per cent in the value of products.

The increase in activity is about 7 per cent

as our canvass is a little more thorough than that last.

The foreign totals do not, however, represent all the manufacturing industries of the city. Many items of labor could not be secured, and a work equivalent to that in the trades requires a very many artificers work at their own houses for individual customers—for instance, tailors and shoemakers—and some of the items of the total cost of production are not included in the allowance for them, with the same percentage as in former years, we have the following as a nearer:

APPROXIMATE TO THE TOTAL:

Number of establishments... 2,000

Number of workers... 62,600

Wages paid... 23,100,000

Value of products... 95,000,000

In strong contrast are the totals for 1873 and 1870:

1873 1870

Number of establishments... 1,900 1,200

Number of workers... 60,000 22,000

Wages paid... 21,000,000

Value of products... 85,000,000

1870 1860

Number of establishments... 1,600 1,000

Number of workers... 55,000 20,000

Wages paid... 17,000,000

Value of products... 80,000,000

The EXPOSITION.

The Exposition of 1873 was very remarkable

for the uniformly superior quality of the samples exhibited, and was in all essential features equal, and some superior, to either of its predecessors. The continued and growing prosperity of this annual enterprise speaks glowingly for the prominence attained by Chicago as a manufacturing centre. There were 564 exhibitors in the departments of agricultural implements, general machinery, and manufactured products. The number of fine art contributors was 265. Many more applications for room were received, and the number of entries was so great that it was decided to limit the number of exhibitors to 265. The new feature of last year's programme was the display of fruits by the American Pomological Society. The loss of

the great number of visitors from abroad

was much larger than in 1874, and the quality and merit of their goods were fully appreciated by the thousands of visitors who thronged the annual meeting. The Exposition managers, over 270,000 persons visited the Exposition during the season.

THE DRAFT OF 1876.

The management will probably find it feasible to enlarge the building during the present year, and thus avoid the necessity of increasing the amount of space required. The amount disbursed during the past year in the improvement of the building and fixtures exceeds \$25,000. Financially the Exposition enterprise is flourishing, and may now be considered as permanent.

THE GRAND TOTAL.

The following is an approximation to the total value of our imports in 1875. It includes only the first selling price, second sales not being counted, though made by jobbers:

Products traded... 922,325,000

Imports received... 323,900,000

Total... 1,246,225,000

Deducted from these for manufacturers in whole (about)... 46,225,000

Total in 1874... 897,000,000

These figures give an increase of 1 per cent in the amount received, and an increase of 1 per cent in the wholesale trade and manufacturers. The increase of the whole over 1874 is 2.5 per cent.

These totals would be materially increased if we included the sales of produce to shippers after it had once been sold in open market, as nothing of the manifold sales of grain and provisions under which one lot may be delivered to a dozen or more shippers, and another to a dozen or more others.

We have also quoted sales of such articles as ice, vegetables, dressed hogs, oats, etc., made in the street, from wagons, and not placed in public storerooms. The sales of articles are not to be reckoned as those not belonging to the wholesale trade. We have dealt only with what Mr. Wenck would designate as "portable property."

The following were the totals for previous years estimated on the same basis:

1873... 835,000,000

Oct. 1, 1874, to Oct. 1, 1872... 935,000,000

1872... 935,000,000

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sue that if such day and pay no attention whatever to their souls and answer to them. These concretes are nearly all poor types. I had one who tried all sorts of tricks with me. One day he came to me and said most earnestly and said: "Monsieur has probably never heard that I am not content." I told him that I had not remarked anything of the kind, that it was not my place to differ from the minister. Whether he was or not, that I probably should not trouble myself to remark anything of the sort, and thus to speak plainly, his sentiments and feelings were most of public indifference to me. I thought that he became too fond of himself to keep himself in a study for nothing, and had gone to a great deal of trouble to no end, for he became very amiable and useful after service with him. His Excellency probably did not know of his conduct, and hence some plan of attack had to be devised. It was found in the law against public religion. The credit of the police was to be used that there were not so anxious to interfere, and remained being forced to do so, or to make any inquiry; but the whole thing fell to the ground when Mr. Hitchcock ceased giving out the public notices, from his pulpit after Divine worship on Sundays.

WEATHER AND TRADE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TUESDAY, Jan. 1.—The weather for the past three days has been perfectly beastly. We expect more of the same, with a wind for tea. No frost in the ground, and the same pastures are green to-day as they would be in April. The long continuance of bad weather has put a stop to all kinds of trade. Merchants can make no collections; farmers cannot haul their grain to market. The weather has been very trying also to all kinds of stock. Farmers who do not shelter, but use Mother Earth for everything, are about sick of it, and dare not go out to work for fear of giving a rest. No hogs have been shipped from here for ten days. The supply, however, is about exhausted. Sheep hogs, on Wednesday, at an average sale 15 cents per hundred.

Our timbermen have had a great deal of talk and hard feeling, but, as long as we have the present system of assessment, we ought not to complain.

NOTES AND PERSONALS AT HOME AND ABROAD—CHURCH SERVICES TO-DAY.

RELIGIOUS.

The Requirements for the Coming Revival.

Certain Novel Demands which Are Made of Christians.

Commentary on the Sunday-School Lesson for To-Day.

The History and Needs of the Prussian Protestant Church.

American Church in Rome—Religious Intolerance in Arkansas.

Notes and Personals At Home and Abroad—Church Services To-Day.

THE COMING REVIVAL.

PLAIN WORDS BY A PLAIN MAN.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

Chicago, Dec. 30.—In every said and written in sermons and prayer-meetings, and papers, and everywhere, about a coming revival, that it seems the subject must be the same stale before the time. He has got the stale said and written was sensible, and much otherwise. Some look for it from above, and many expect it to come from the East. All agree that it will be needful and desirable, and in this I heartily concur, provided that it will be a revival more true and genuine than any I have ever seen yet in this country—a revival that will pull the Church out of the world, and the world out of the Church. Anything short of this will not pay for the trouble, cost, time, and expense of such a general meeting.

On the general effects.

Attorney Easell, Canfield Commissioner of Courts, and Gov. Wm. H. Seward, as host to the New Year calls with the rest of their neighbors. This joyful day closed with a grand reception at Past Grand Master James A. Hawley's elegant residence, where the entire city were present.

THE NEW YEAR.

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LOCKPORT, Ill., Jan. 1.—The grand Centennial ball was given last night, by the ladies, at Lull & Lynd's Hall. The incoming year has been celebrated by the ringing of bells, firing of guns, and display of the stars and stripes. At 8 o'clock the thermometer indicated 83 deg. above zero.

FIRE AT FLUSHING, MICH.

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MARRIAGES.

WIGHT—CLAPP, 26, at West Church, Boston, by the Rev. D. Bartol. Eugene B. Wright, of Washington, D. C., and Mary Dennis, daughter of William W. Clapp.

HOLCOMB—DUNHAM—New-Yer's Eve, at Edwards' Grove, Ill., by the Rev. G. T. Holcomb (native of Indiana), and Mrs. S. A. Holcomb and Mrs. Maggie L. Dunham.

VAN VALKENBURGH—WINGATE, Dec. 20, 1875—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. Van Valkenburgh, of Jersey City, N. J., and Miss Clara Wingate, of Clifton.

MUFFATT—PARTRIDGE—Dec. 24, 1875, by the Rev. Mr. Wm. Partridge, at 140 Nassau street, and Miss Lizzie M. Muriel, both of this city. No card.

WINSLOW—BRISTOL—Saturday evening, Jan. 1, 1876, at the home of St. John Winslow, 120 Nassau street, and Miss Clara Winslow, of 12 Nassau street, and Miss M. Winslow, youngest daughter of Col. Robert F. Winslow, and Miss H. Bristol, all of Chicago. No card.

WALDRON—MACHAMIE—Dec. 21, 1875, by the Rev. E. N. Barrett, Louis K. Waldron and Miss Jeanette Machamie, all of this city. No card.

DEATHS.

SCOTT—STANLEY, Dec. 1, 1875, Boston, W. S. oldest daughter of Asaph E. and the late Eliza Scott, aged 27 years.

EP—Cincinnati paper, please copy.

MILNE—At Park Ridge, Dec. 31, 1875, aged 49 years Samuel Milne, son of the late John Milne, of Niles.

Funeral Monday, Jan. 3, at 12 noon, from the residence of his father-in-law, George Huntington, South Niles.

HICKORY—Friday evening, Ellen wife of Parson Hickory, died at her late residence, 492 Sedgwick-st., by carriage to Galaxy Cemetery.

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OUR NEIGHBORS.

Preparations for the Inauguration Reception of Gov. Ludington.

The Governor's Policy in Regard to the Railroads Already Defined.

Milwaukee Politicians Signing for a Board of Fire Commissioners.

What Is Thought in Wisconsin of the Washburn Presidential Movement.

Signs of Renewed Peace and Good-Will in the Republican Ranks.

Notings of the Week in Various Suburbs of Chicago—A Kenosha Wedding.

WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE.—GOV. LUDINGTON.

Social Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 31.—The following card has been issued:

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION.
You are invited to attend the Inauguration Reception in honor of Gov. Excellence H. M. Benjamin, President of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at the Assembly Chamber, Madison, Monday evening, Jan. 2, 1876.

The inauguration will take place at noon.

A special train will leave the Milwaukee & St. Paul depot at 12 m. Should you desire to attend, will you please forward your name and address upon application to W. C. Payne. Only those having tickets will be allowed upon the train.

CONSTITUTIONAL.—L. M. BEAN, HENRY BAILEY, ROBERT HILL, L. W. ELLSWORTH, C. M. SAWYER, L. W. DODD.

About 250 persons are expected to go if the weather is fine.

The Governor sent in his valedictory to the Common Council, announcing his resignation of the Mayoralty, at the meeting on Monday. H. M. Benjamin, President of the Commonwealth, will be in the vacany until the new Mayor is elected in the office by the votes of the people. Resolutions acknowledging the Mayor's excellent conduct in office were adopted.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE RAILROADS.

I met the Governor the other day. He was marching along Milwaukee street, after breakfast, on the way to business in his usual sturdy manner, plating his foot every time as though crushing a carload of corrupt Kings. It responded to my hand, for I was a long way in his wake and spied him on turning a corner, the Governor halted. "Good morning," said he, "I have those in my relations to thank for it. I told him what his policy was going to be as to the modification of the Potter law. His Excellency's answer was characteristic. He said he should try to shape his policy in accordance with the will of the people, which would probably find expression in the Legislature. Taking the Governor's well-known views as a guide, we can infer this answer to mean that any modification of the Potter law that does not surrender a right or sacrifice a principle, but simply remedies a discovered wrong, will have his sanction, but any law abandoning the principle of the cause to regulate railroads will be voted down." The Governor's comment before the people's will, and it is because he has always so faithfully interpreted it that he has given so much satisfaction to the city as Mayor, and made such a reputation in the State as to receive election as Governor, whilst for all the other principal offices the other ticket received the popular support. I venture to prophesy the Governor will make no recommendation to the Legislature on the subject of railroads, unless in the spirit I have indicated.

A BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

The miserable failure of the Chicago Board of Fire Commissioners will not meet our people from the same cause, if it is not all of a certain body of citizens prevalent. The attention of last session, which failed to create such a Board in this city, is to be noted. I am sorry, at the next session. One of the strong arguments used in favor of the proposed measure is, that something needs to be done to check the overgrown aggressive power of the German element. They say it is a fact that the Germans are a unit in their demand for city, county, and State offices, and a unit in waging for men who will submit to their will and against men who will not; and that they have established almost a pure German school in opposition to popular education, where nothing but German is spoken, as there are American public schools, in which middle class boys and girls are educated in the entire language and establishing their language as the language of the nation. The only method the anti-Germans (who are not Republicans) can discover to meet this is to prohibit the various departments of the public service, the chief officers of which are to be filled in the proportion of one-third German and two-thirds English. This will meet with a very strong opposition as the Germans are as one man opposed to it, declaring that the Fire Department is as near perfection as any human institution can be, and that to tinker with it in the way described will be so hindrance to the politicians.

A FIRE PATRON.

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A bill also is to be introduced to create a fire patrol in this city. The insurance men are in favor of it, and, unless I am misinformed, the local Board of Fire Underwriters will give their support, and are identified with the movement of the anti-German element. The Germans and Irish will make a fight for the position to be had under this bill, and the spell can be equally divided, the voice of the people will be heard, and that to tinker with it in the way described will be so hindrance to the politicians.

NO. 57.

Taking of the Fire Department, reminds us of a singular circumstance, namely, that Box 57 has rung out seven, or eight false alarms within the past month. It will be remembered that an employee of the Department named Edwards was shot dead for his wanton and disgraceful language to his superior officer, and his friends made the most violent threats of vengeance. This gentleman's engine is attached to the department in which he was killed, and it is estimated, and the suspicion is entertained that certain members of the company have been guilty of turning in these false alarms. The engine drivers, however, state that he is unlikely to have any connection with such a piece of meanness, his personal character being high, and his reputation as an honest and honest man. The engine drivers are to be stoned, and that the indignant and misdirected zeal of his friends should connect him with a small, dirty bit of work like this to be regretted.

NO. 58.

My telegram, as to the Democratic move to elect Funk Speaker seems to have been quite as much of a bombshell as that other telegram about the discriminatory rates on flour, which now appears to have been a mere draft. The two men who were voted to stand sound trumpet-like in the first Republican caucus at Madison, who are working like beavers for Funk. It is a real corker, and I am sorry for it.

Ashland—Funk is a good man. He is independent, and I believe, strictly honorable. He is a Republican just as far as principles go; but he is not

so Republican as to be a slave to them. If the Democrats could have captured him, or if he accepted their nomination in caucus, or their tempting proposals before caucus, it is not to be wondered at then the Legislator, but Mr. Funk is not a man who will be put off whilst both hands remain free to pluck off the bandage. Every indication now points to the election of a Republican Speaker.

The attractions of Milwaukee, as a gay and festive metropolis, are undoubtedly very great, but it is to be questioned whether they are sufficient to draw together at one point the entire galaxy of Democratic politicians, as was seen at the Newhall, this week, check-by-jowl, namely, John Rankin, Salt Clark, Jim H. Ernst, and D. W. Marston. It only wants a little more to complete the picture, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown, pair handsome cologne-bottles, Mr. and Mrs. Blake, Racine; writing-desk, very handsome, Mr. and Mrs. E. Baile, cut glass vase set in silver, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pettit, Racine; solid silver tablespoons, Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Simmons; half-dozens solid silver teaspoons, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Racine; half-dozens solid silver spoons, Miss Chicago, Chicago; solid silver spoons, Mrs. W. W. Felt, Racine; solid silver napkins, Miss Clara Jean, Racine; solid silver mustard-pot, Miss Clara Jean, Racine; solid silver butter-spoon, also sugar-spoon, Dr. and Mrs. Pennoyer; solid silver pickle-fork, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore, Racine; elegant marchionette, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, pair handsome cologne-bottles and tidy, Miss Aurora, Ill. The bridal party left the city on the 520 train for a wedding tour in the South.

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PARK RIDGE.

HOLIDAY WEEK.

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The Transactions of Last Week Unimportant—Miscellaneous.

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In reviewing the course of the real estate market for the past year, we are compelled to dissent from the prevalent opinion that 1875 has been a poor year for the real estate interests of Chicago. It is true that the amount of property which has changed hands is much below the value of the transfers of each of the two preceding years. Prices have shrunk, and capital has, with the exception of those possessed of superior sagacity.

The chief interest of the real-estate market has thus far been in the foundation of the Asylum for the aged slow in the purchase. Speculative operations have been at the minimum, for it is a characteristic of the speculative classes that they never have the nerve to operate on a declining or stationary market. But if there has been but little improvement in real estate,

THE IMPROVEMENT OF REAL ESTATE has been enormous. In no other city in the country have there been erected an equal number of stores and dwellings in the past year. After the great fire Chicago put more capital into building than any other city in the world, and its building operations of this year show that the rate of increase of those houses was not the limit of our development. In 1874 there were 975 building permits issued; in 1875 there were 975 permits given out, for about 2,000 erections. The frontage of new buildings for 1874 was 33,065 feet; for 1875 78,427 feet. Leaving out of view foreclosed lots and the countless extensions of the same, the total frontage of the peculiarly weak to the strong, the most striking houses have been those to the following:

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In Chicago during the past year there were many stores, larger and bettering forms.

And ye whom it suits you to be proud.

Strength should dare the storm.

The bold and the strong.

Why do ye stand upon the shore?

Through all the long and dreary day?

Why have ye not, day after day?

Our strength, our power, and our might—

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SOCIETY.

Its Record for the Last Week of 1875.

Matrimonial Alliances Made During That Happy Period.

The Spoons, Pickle-Forks, and Nut-Picks Put in Circulation.

Receptions and Parties in Church Parlors and Private Residences.

A Summary of the Doings of the Various Clubs.

MATRIMONIAL GENERAL TALE.

At the residence of Charles Foliansee, No. 1075 Wabash Avenue, on Wednesday evening, occurred the wedding of Miss Flora W. Pierce, niece of Mr. Foliansee and Mr. Edwin Slusher, of Elkhorn, Ky. Among the invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Springer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Reid, Miss May Reid, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Rosalie Foliansee, Mr. Fred W. Springer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. John Foliansee, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Springer of Washington Heights, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Christian, Mr. Charles W. Woodruff and Miss Clara Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foliansee, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Baker, P. P. Gibbs, W. H. Reid, Miss May Reid, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Rosalie Foliansee, Mr. Fred W. Springer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Corneau, Mrs. Polley, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Gray, the Misses Zimmerman, Mrs. Corinne Pratt, Col. Willard, Captain Peck, Eliza Morgan, Etta Hornam, Church Sisters, Wait, Molineux, W. L. Pierce, Lynch Field, Bradbury, Sinclair, Good, Wall, and Mannion.

PARTIES AND RECEPTIONS.

The Hon. Leonard Swett gave a dinner party at the Palmer House Wednesday evening, which was attended by about twenty-five gentlemen prominent in the legal profession. The dinner was served from 7 to 9 o'clock. Among the guests were the Hon. Wirt Dexter, the Hon. Judge Doolittle, the Hon. Justice Farwell, Robert Lincoln, Esq., Gen. Webster, Dr. R. N. Isham, Prof. David Swin, the Hon. Judge Fuller, Charles Reed, Esq., the Hon. Judge T. Lyle Dickey, Col. Quigley, Mr. Swett, Mr. Busby, Mr. Fletcher, and Mr. Hunter.

TRINITY CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.

The ladies of Trinity Church gave a pleasant entertainment in the church parlors. It consisted in the rendering of a cantata entitled "New Year's," interesting tableaux and other representations of the seasons and months. Many numbers of friends and members of the church were in attendance, and the affair passed off satisfactorily.

SUPPER PARTY.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Foliansee, at their residence No. 1035 Wabash Avenue, on Friday evening, were surprised by an unexpected and unexpected invasion of their dwelling on Christmas evening, on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of their wedlock. But, like other burdens imposed by wealth, cannot be so easily laid aside. Society demands show, and glitter, and pom, and pageant, and not to be refused.

FRENCH—BLONOFF.

Christmas night was very appropriately celebrated with a wedding at the residence of Mr. J. Potter Hart, No. 1035 Ashland avenue, the participating being Morris E. Blodgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blodgett, and Anna, daughter of the Associated Press. The house was tastefully decorated with flowers and smallak.

In the parlor was placed a monogram composed of the initials of the couple about to be married and the figures 1855—1875, which denoted the twentieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hart's marriage.

Among the invited guests were Mrs. H. N. French, Mrs. Frank Foliansee, Mr. Foliansee, Mr. Hart, Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Tuttle, Dr. F. D. Fitch, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Springer, Mrs. H. S. Foliansee, Mr. and Mrs. J. Percy, J. Seymour Harvey, Miss Smallwood, Miss Fliske, Miss Clara Field, Miss Carrie Erickson, Miss Grace Barnes, and Mr. Louis Hart.

At 6 o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor and took their places before the Rev. Dr. C. H. Fowler, President of the Northwestern University. Mr. F. H. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Foliansee, Mr. and Mrs. Foliansee, and Miss Olivia Bryant as bridesmaid. After the ceremony the couple received congratulations, and the company then repaired to the dining-room where a sumptuous meal was served.

The remainder of the evening was passed in listening to music, making merriment, and admiring the numerous and beautiful presents to the bride. The bride and groom, the father and mother of the groom, pictures of "Mater Dolores" from the groom; pictures of the bride; a diamond ring; a diamond bracelet; Mr. and Mrs. Foliansee; Mr. and Mrs. Foliansee; and twenty-five persons were invited, and nearly every one responded. The house was beautifully decorated with natural flowers and autumn leaves, and the room was filled with fragrance, followed by dancing, was the chief entertainment of the evening. The most pleasing feature was the quadrigle composed and conducted by Mr. Foliansee. The presents consisted of very various items, and were numerous and appropriate.

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A number of the friends of Miss Isaac Greenfield, of Wabash, gathered at his residence to welcome him to his old home in this city, Dec. 25. Mr. Greenfield had been absent from Chicago since the first of 1871, living in Boston, and during his business connections here, he was favorably known to his position as President of the United Hebrew Relief Society, an office which he was well adapted to in an endeavor to further his benevolent purposes.

He was received with a hearty welcome by his former members of the Hiawatha Club, who had a reunion last Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. D. P. Whitney, No. 138 Wabash avenue.

HALTON CLUB.

The fifth party of the Halton Club was held Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. Albinus Foliansee, No. 1035 Wabash Avenue, and was well attended by the members and a large number of their friends who were present. Mr. Fitzgerald furnished some of his excellent musical selections.

BRIDAL PARTY.

The home Social Club gave their first party of the season at Kline's Parlor last evening. The manager of the club, and the manager of the hotel, were present, and many elaborate costumes were displayed.

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AUGUSTA CLUB.

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WEDDING.

The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Martin, at their residence No. 1035 Michigan Avenue, on Saturday evening, was a most brilliant, joyful, and gay affair. About forty persons were invited, and Miss Olivia Bryant as bridesmaid. After the ceremony the couple received congratulations, and the company then repaired to the dining-room where a sumptuous meal was served.

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CLUB DANCES.

One of the prominent events of the week was the complimentary party given by the gentlemen boarders of the Gardner House. The large parlors were thronged with guests, while the dining-room did good service as a dancing-hall. Supper was served in the ladies' ordinary, the table being profusely decorated with flowers. Music was furnished by Hand's orchestra.

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